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1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

SRV NATL ASSY DELEGATION HEADED BY TRUONG CHINH ARRIVES IRKUTSK AT INVITATION USSR SUPREME SOVIET (FBIS).

"LE MONDE" SAYS SRV/CAMBODIA ENGAGED IN SPORADIC BORDER UNCLASSIFIED

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FIGHTING AROUND HA TIEN/OTHER AREAS W OF HCM CITY. VIETS REPORTEDLY USING AIRCRAFT/ARTILLERY. PAPER IMPLIES CAMBODIANS INITIATED FIGHTING (REUTER PARIS).

RTG RUSHES TROOPS/TANKS/ARMORED CARS TO CAMBODIAN BORDER; WARNS MIL RETALIATION POSSIBLE IF DIPLOMACY FAILS END 2 WKS BLOODY BORDER CLASHES. CAMBODIA REMAINS SILENT RE INCIDENTS (WSTAR 8/4).

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

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ATTY GEN BELL DEFENDS PLAN ADMIT 15,000 MORE REFUGEES; CONGRESSMEN MIFFED BECAUSE NOT CONSULTED BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT (STEWART, WP).

NYE (CSM) REVIEWS ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS VIET REFUGEES IN US. NOTES WHAT HAPPENS TO RELATIVES/FRIENDS LEFT BEHIND IS ALWAYS ON THEIR MINDS.

3. ASEAN

ISAACS (SUN), AT OPENING KL SUMMIT, QUOTES SINGAPORE'S LEE THAT US SEES THINGS IN TERMS ECON INTERESTS; SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS OF PAST 20 YRS NO LONGER RELEVANT, SO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MUST REPLACE NATL PLANS. THINKS THAILAND'S PM THANIN MADE "OBLIQUE DEFENSE" RTG VS HUMAN RTS CHARGES MADE IN US; ALSO MADE IMPLIED REBUKE OTHER SEA STATES RE ADMISSION REFUGEES. NOTES PHILS' MARCOS' STATEMENT DECLARING END CLAIM TO SABAH DREW LONG APPLAUSE. ADDS TOPICS ON AGENDA INCLUDE LAGGING PLAN FOR REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, RECOMMENDED TARIFF REDUCTIONS, TRADE PREFERENCES, PREPARATION FOR POST-SUMMIT MTG W/PMS OF JAPAN/AUSTRALIA/NZ. ALSO NOTES EA'S UNCLASSIFIED

HOLBROOKE EXPECTED REPRESENT CARTER ADMIN AT MANILA US/ASEAN MTGS NEXT MO.

MORITZ (CSM KL) SEES DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH TO REGION'S FUTURE EVIDENT IN OPENING SPEECHES. SAYS SINGAPORE'S LEE POINTED TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED ECON COOPERATION AMONG MEMBERS/SUCH AS US/JAPAN. REPORTS INDONESIA HAS MOST SKEPTICAL ATTITUDE RE COMMON-MKT PROPOSALS DUE POSSIBLE DAMAGE INFANT INDUSTRIES. ADDS REMARKS THAILAND'S THANIN REFLECTED CONCERN OVER COMMUNISM; MALAYSIA'S ONN/PHILS' MARCOS STRESSED ASEAN'S ROLE AS REGIONAL ECON ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO CAUSE DEVELOPING WORLD/NEED FOR MEMBERS DEAL AS UNIT W/COUNTRIES OUTSIDE AREA.

SIMONS (WP KL) NOTES LEADERS SAY SEA THREATENED BY HOSTILE CHALLENGE FROM INDOCHINA, MUST MEET IT BY COOPERATING W/ONE ANOTHER/MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. NOTES ALSO COMPLETED DRAFT STATEMENTS SEEKING INCREASED ECON SUPPORT FROM JAPAN/AUSTRALIA/NZ. SIMONS SAYS CLEAR ASEAN LEADERS WANT PERSUADE JAPAN STEP INTO REGION AS KIND ECON SUBSTITUTE FOR US, WHOSE INTEREST HAS WANED SINCE END INDOCHINA WAR.

4. AUSTRALIA

BHP PLANS DEVELOP 300-MILLION-DOL COAL MINING OPN IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND FOLLOWING SIGNING LONG-TERM CONTRACT

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SUPPLY JAPANESE STEEL MILLS (JOC).

STOVE (JOC SYDNEY) REVIEWS PRESSURE THAT INCREASING FOR AUSSIES BUY MORE ASIAN GOODS. SAYS PM FRASER WILL FEEL IMPACT WHEN GOES KL FOR SPECIAL MTG FOLLOWING ASEAN SUMMIT.

5. JAPAN

UNDER FUKUDA'S ORDERS, GOJ DRAWING UP PLANS REDUCE COUNTRY'S FOREX HOLDINGS, WHICH HAVE BEEN SPIRALING SINCE JANUARY.

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OBSERVERS SEE MOVE AS EVIDENCE GOJ'S INCREASING SENSITIVITY TO US/EUR CRITICISM OVER JAPAN'S EXPANDING EXPORTS (OFUSA, NYT TOKYO).

DOLLAR WEAKENED THURS ON TOKYO FOREX MART; JAPAN'S JULY EXPORT LEVEL UP 21 PCT OVER SAME MONTH LAST YR (WSJ).

CHICAGO'S ABBOTT LABORATORIES/OSAKA-BASED TAKEDA CHEMICAL WILL FORM JOINT VENTURE TO DEVELOP/MARKET NEW PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDS IN US/CANADA (WSJ).

SOCIALIST INTL--LONDON-BASED GROUP SOCIAL DEM PARTIES--WILL HOLD 1ST ASIAN CONF IN TOKYO IN DECEMBER. JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY/JAPAN'S DEM SOCIALIST PARTY ORGANIZED MTG, SAY FORMER FRG CHANCELLOR BRANDT/PORTUGUESE PM SOARES WILL ATTEND (REUTER TOKYO).

6. PHILIPPINES/MALAYSIA

AT OPENING SESSION ASEAN, MARCOS SAID PHILS TAKING STEPS DROP CLAIM TO SABAH. ANNOUNCEMENT DREW APPLAUSE/WELCOMED BY MALAYSIAN FON MINISTRY (AP, PHINQ).

7. KOREA

DOD INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS THAT US/SK MIL PERSONNEL IN SK HAVE BEEN STEALING UP TO 17-MIL-DOLS PER YR IN US MIL EQUIPMENT. SPOKESMAN ROSS SAID 8/4 INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN UNDER WAY FOR SEVERAL WKS (AP, WP; WSJ; PHINQ; REUTER 8/4). SK EMB IN WASHINGTON CALLED CHARGES "MALICIOUS LIES NOT WORTHY OF FURTHER COMMENT" (AP).

DOJ AGREES GIVE HOUSE ETHICS CMTE LIST--FURNISHED BY FOR-

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MER TONGSUN PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATE JAY SHIN RYU--REPORTEDLY NAMING SOME 20 RECIPIENTS CASH PAYMENTS FROM SKOREANS. AFTER CLOSED-DOOR SESSION ETHICS CMTE CHRMN FLYNT TOLD REPORTERS THERE HAD BEEN "EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOP-

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MENTS" IN PROBE, WHILE ASST SPECIAL COUNSEL WHITE ADDED "MUTUAL AGREEMENT" HAD BEEN REACHED BETW DOJ/CMTE (TAYLOR, WSTAR; JACKSON, LAT, BOTH 8/4).

CHITRIB ITEM IN GLOBE REPORTS ONE OF ATTY GEN BELL'S LAW PARTERS REPRESENTED ROKG IN US UNTIL FEW WKS BEFORE BELL'S NOMINATION.

HIRC SUBCMTE RECOMMENDED 8/4 CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS ACTION AGAINST FORMER REV MOON ASSOCIATE FOR REFUSING ANSWER QUESTIONS ON WHETHER ROKG LINKED TO DEMONSTRATIONS OPPOSING NIXON IMPEACHMENT. SUBCMTE INVESTIGATING WHETHER MOON GROUP HAS TIES TO KCIA/WHETHER IT TRIED BLOCK IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS (HALLORAN, NYT; AP, SUN; REUTER 8/4). "TENTATIVE FINDINGS" SHOW "RELIABLE INFORMATION" THAT MOON CHURCH HAS MAINTAINED "OPERATIONAL TIES" W/KCIA (REID, WSTAR).

8. INDONESIA

REUTER (JAKARTA) REPORTS FONMINISTRY FRIDAY DENIED ICJ STATEMENT WHICH QUOTED POL PRISONER AS SAYING ABOUT 15,000 POL PRISONERS HAD DIED OF MALNUTRITION IN COUNTRY.

9. CHINA

FONMIN HUANG HUA, AT 8/4 PEKING BANQUET MARKING ARRIVAL UN SECGEN WALDHEIM, SAID INEFFECTUAL UN DUE TO "OBSTRUCTION AND SABOTAGE BY SUPERPOWERS"; RACISM/ZIONISM WHICH THEY SUPPORT. HUANG SAID TEST FOR UN WILL BE TO FREE SELF FROM CONTROL OF SUPERPOWERS, GIVING MORE VOICE TO THIRD WORLD. WALDHEIM RECALLED HIS 1972 VISIT TO PRC/LAUDED CURRENT

LEADERSHIP FOR SENSE OF DETERMINATION/PURPOSE ON BEHALF OF PRC PEOPLE (REUTER PEKING). NYT CARRIES PIX WALDHEIM ARRIVAL/GREETING BY HUANG (8/5).

HOUSE INTL REL SUB CHRMN WOLFF PROPOSES US SUPPORT PLEBESCITE TO ALLOW TAIWANESE DETERMINE OWN FUTURE VIS-A-VIS PRC. CALLS RESOLUTION TAIWAN PROBLEM OBSTACLE TO NORMALIZATION US/PRC RELS (REUTER 8/4).

NCNA REPORTS PRC TO LAUNCH NATL FARMLAND IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN IN WINTER; W/PLAN TO MECHANIZE AGRIC BY 1980 (REUTER PEKING 8/5).

PRC AUTHORITIES HAVE SMASHED "GANG OF 7"--YOUTHFUL ROBBERY RING OPERATING IN CANTON (REUTER PEKING).

NCNA REPORTS TITO TO VISIT LATE AUG; ALSO EXPECTED IN USSR; NK (REUTER PEKING).

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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. KOREA/JAPAN

WSTAR (8/4) EXPRESSES SYMPATHY W/JAPANESE CONFUSION OVER WHY US W/DRAWING FROM SK/IF ASIAN TENSIONS WILL LESSEN BECAUSE OF IT. BELIEVES ACTION "PROMPTING THOUGHTS" AMONG JAPANESE DIPLOMATS/DEF OFFICIALS THAT IT MAY CALL FOR REARMAMENT/"LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS" IN VN/NK.

11. CHINA

BARTLETT (BGLOBE) SAYS ADMIN TOO EAGER NORMALIZE W/PRC; OBSERVES PRC DOES NOT MATCH US FERVOR--COUNTRY MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCERNED W/INTERNAL POLITICS. SAYS PART OF US RUSH MOTIVATED BY DESIRE IRRITATE SOVIETS; ALSO, PRC WILL NOT RISK US CONNECTION OVER TAIWAN. CITING HAROLD HINTON, SAYS PRC WILL SETTLE FOR CONCESSION VIS-A-VIS TAIWAN-- ALTHO DOMESTIC POLITICS NOW NECESSITATE HARDLINE.

PARRIS CHANG (PROF PENN STATE), IN PHINQ, SAYS TENG'S RETURN END MAOIST REVOLUTION TRIUMPH FOR CONSERVATIVE FORCES. POL CLIMATE NOW LIKELY PUSH TENG INTO PREMIER-SHIP.

WP CARRIES FULL-PAGE AD ON DEFECTING PRC PILOT FAN YUAN-YEN PLACED BY FREE CHINA RELIEF ASSOCIATION. SAME PIX AS IN NYT 8/4, BUT TEXT DIFFERS. GIVES REMARKS BY FAN AT 7/8 TAIPEI PRESS CONF--CASTIGATES PRC ON HUMAN RTS; SAYS MORE PILOTS WOULD DEFECT IF COULD.

12. AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) OPINES AUSTRALIA DETERMINED SECURE GREATER ACCESS TO EC/WILL USE AS BARGAINING POWER ITS CAPACITY SUPPLY RAW MATERIALS--ESPECIALLY ENERGY MATERIALS. TO HELP PLAN, FRASER HAS APPOINTED SPECIAL MINISTER TO COVER TRADE NEGOTS W/EC.

13. ASEAN

LORENZ (JOC KL) BELIEVES GOAL TO MAKE BID FOR GREATER ECON RECIPROCITY BEYOND REGION BY INVOLVING JAPAN IN PARTICULAR IN SUMMIT TALKS WILL NOT PRODUCE "IRREVOCABLE ANNOUNCE-MENTS." BUT THINKS MTG WILL GIVE PM FUKUDA UNIQUE OPPOR-TUNITY VIEW CONFLICTING POSITIONS ASEAN HEADS OF STATE WHEN THEY PRESENT REQUESTS. ADDS FUKUDA ALREADY KNOWS ASEAN WANTS BILLION DOLS FOR COMPLEMENTARY INDUSTRIES/ SETTING UP IMPORT-EXPORT STABILIZATION FUND/PREFERENTIAL

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VS ASEAN PRODUCTS. REVIEWS VARIOUS ASPECTS HISTORY/RELS.
OPINES OUTCOME TALKS LIKELY PROVIDE REALISTIC PICTURE
ASEAN'S ATTEMPT EXPAND ECON IMPORTANCE REGIONALLY/
INTERNATIONALLY. CHRISTOPHER

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